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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

HIROHIKO ITOH

Application No.: 09/322,177

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**For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS
AND IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD**

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**Office of Petitions
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**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.182
TO AMEND ABANDONED APPLICATION BY INSERTING PRIORITY
CROSS-REFERENCE DATA (SAMPSON PETITION)
AND AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Petitioners hereby petition the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. § 1.182 to amend the abandoned parent of the present continued prosecution application to include domestic priority information as set forth below. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the \$130.00 petition fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h), and any additional fee necessitated by the filing of this paper, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

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REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION

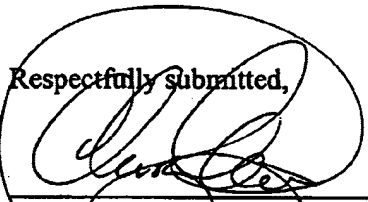
The Issue Fee due in the present application was paid on June 15, 2004. No patent has yet issued from the present application. It is respectfully requested that this Petition and Amendment be acted on expeditiously so that the cross-reference requirement is satisfied.

REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW

If any question arises and/or if there is any reason precluding the granting of this Petition and providing the relief requested, Applicant respectfully requests that the Office of Petitions contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to address any such question and/or reason to discuss such in a telephone interview or to schedule a personal interview.

Petitioner's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, DC, office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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